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St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

Updated Childcare Reopening Guidance

The Childcare Reopening Guidance document has been updated and can be found [here](#), listed as number 11. Childcare programs that remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic should address these additional considerations:

- Screen Children Upon Arrival
- Implement social distancing strategies
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts
- Modify drop off and pick up procedures
- Maintain an adequate ratio of staff to children to ensure safety.
- Plan and recruit those with childcare experience to ensure you have a roster of substitute caregivers who can fill in if your staff members are sick or stay home to care for sick family members.
- Wear proper personal protective equipment including cloth or surgical face masks.

Social Distancing; Continue to Stop the Spread

As St. Louis County continues to navigate through the reopening process, it is critical to remember the importance of social distancing. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 ft.) for a prolonged period of time (more than 15 minutes). Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land on other people, nearby surfaces, or your own hands which then further transmit the virus to other locations. This is also why wearing masks continues to be a critical protective measure. Social distancing helps limit opportunities to come in contact with infected people outside the home. However staying at home is still the most protective measure that can be taken. Everyone has a role to play in slowing the spread and protecting themselves, their family, and their community.

Dignified Transfer Center

The Dignified Transfer Center is currently accommodating 3 decedents. 52 additional individuals have been through the center and transported to a crematorium or funeral home, at the request of family. To date, 55 individuals have entered the Dignified Transfer Center.

Contact Information

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877) 435-8411. The St. Louis County website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19 is stlcorona.com. Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for

Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.

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